

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus 4 comprising:

a plurality of switching devices each including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated therefrom, said insulated container ~~filling~~ being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container to which the plurality of switching devices are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container;

a driving mechanism housed in the conductive container and operatively connected to at least one of the electrodes of each of the contacts, said driving mechanism being adapted to drive the at least one of the electrodes so as to make open the electrodes or to make close them; and

an insulated control member housed in the insulated structure and the conductive container and linked to the driving mechanism, said insulated control member being adapted to control the drive of the driving mechanism;

wherein said insulated structure is arranged vertically, and said insulated control member is adapted to move vertically in the conductive container so as to control the driving mechanism, further comprising a supporting member provided in at least one of the conductive container and the insulated structure and supporting the insulated control member so as to guide the vertical movement thereof.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus comprising:

a plurality of switching devices each including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated therefrom, said insulated container ~~filling~~ being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container to which the plurality of switching devices are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container; and

means for electrically changing the conductive container to a grounded state or a nongrounded state.

Claim 15 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said switching devices is a disconnecting switch.

Claim 16 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said switching devices is a circuit breaker.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said changing means comprises a stationary electrode and a movable electrode adapted to be contacted with the stationary electrode and separated therefrom, said stationary electrode being fixed to the conductive container, said

insulated structure being supported ~~to an insulated~~ by a base portion, said movable electrode being slidably conductively provided for the base portion.

Claim 18 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said movable electrode is arranged to an outside of the insulated structure.

Claim 19 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 17, wherein, when the conductive container is changed to the nongrounded state, a part of said movable electrode is permitted to be contained in the base portion.

Claim 20 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said changing means comprises a slide portion for supporting the movable electrode to be slidable, a sealing member provided between the sliding member and the movable electrode and adapted to keep watertight therebetween and a drainage member mounted on an upper side of the slide portion and adapted to drain water.

Claim 21 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said movable electrode and stationary electrode are provided inside of the insulated structure.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said changing means comprises a stationary electrode and a movable electrode adapted to be contacted with the stationary electrode and

separated therefrom, said stationary electrode being fixed to the conductive container, said insulated structure being supported ~~to an insulated~~ by a base portion, said movable electrode having one end rotatably conductively supported to the base portion.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): An integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus comprising:

a plurality of switching devices each including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated therefrom, said insulated container ~~filling~~ being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container ~~filling~~ being filled with an insulating gas, to which the plurality of switching devices are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container;

a partition wall provided between at least one of the switching devices and the conductive container so as to form a first gas compartment in the at least one of the switching devices and a second gas compartment in the conductive container; and

means disposed to the partition wall and adapted to cause the insulating gas to flow in a forward direction from one of the first and second gas compartments toward other thereof and not to flow in opposite direction to the forward direction.

Claim 24 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising means for shutting off the insulating gas flow in the forward direction when the gas pressure differential between the first and second gas compartments increases so that the amount of gas flowing in the forward direction becomes large.

Claim 25 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising filter means provided along a path of the insulating gas flowing in the forward direction and adapted to filter gases and particles in the insulating gas, said gases being different from the used insulating gas.

Claim 26 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the forward direction of the gas flow is a direction directed from one of the first and second gas compartments whose one end is the ground potential toward other thereof where there is no ground potential.

Claim 27 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising means for monitoring a gas pressure in one of the first and second compartments where one end is the ground potential.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): An integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus comprising:

a plurality of switching devices each including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated therefrom, said insulated container ~~filling~~ being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container to which the plurality of switching devices are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container; and

means for forming in the insulated containers of the switching devices separated gas compartments, respectively;

at least one of said gas compartments being a common gas compartment of the conductive container and the insulated structure.

Claim 29 (Original): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising an insulated pipe member and a gas density monitoring unit for monitoring a gas density in the insulated pipe member, one end of insulated pipe member being connected to the at least one of the separated gas compartments, other end of which running through an inside of the insulated structure so that the other end of the pipe member is guided inside of the base portion so as to be connected to the gas density monitoring unit.

Claim 30 (New): An integrated gas-insulated switching apparatus comprising:
two switching devices including one circuit breaker and one disconnecting switch, each of said circuit breaker and said disconnecting switch including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated from each other, said insulated container being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container, formed of metal, to which the circuit breaker and the disconnecting switch are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container;

driving units housed in the conductive container and operatively connected to the electrodes of the contacts so as to drive the electrode; and

insulated control rods for the circuit breaker and the disconnecting switch housed in the insulated structure and the conductive container and linked to the driving unit for connecting the driving units to an operating unit,

said contact of the disconnecting switch being contained in the insulated container, which keeps gastight to form a gas compartment separated from the conductive container, and said insulated container of the circuit breaker forming a same gas compartment as that of the conductive container and that of the insulated structure.

Claim 31 (New): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said circuit breaker has a terminal which is connected to a conductive container of another switching apparatus via a conductive member.

Claim 32 (New): An integrated gas-insulated switching apparatus comprising:
two disconnecting switches each including a contact and an insulated container in which the contact is contained, said contact comprising electrodes adapted to be contacted with each other and separated from each other, said insulated container being filled with an insulating gas;

a conductive container, formed of metal, to which the two disconnecting switches are connected, respectively;

an insulated structure supporting the conductive container;

driving units housed in the conductive container and operatively connected to the electrodes of the contacts so as to drive the electrode; and

at least one insulated control rod housed in the insulated structure and the conductive container and linked to the driving unit for connecting the driving unit to an operating unit.

Claim 33 (New): The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said insulated container of the disconnecting switch keeps gastight to form a gas compartment separated from the conductive container.